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Applicant: Johnson et al.

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For: **MODIFIED PIGMENTS HAVING IMPROVED DISPERSING PROPERTIES**

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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants respectfully request consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement.

Section 1. Preliminary Statements

Applicants submit herewith patents, publications, or other information on the attached form PTO-1449 (modified) of which they are aware, which they believe may be material to the examination of the above-identified application and in respect of which there may be a duty to disclose.

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Notwithstanding the above, the Examiner is urged to form his/her own conclusions regarding the relevance of each cited reference. An early and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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37 CFR 1.97(b)

1. ☐ The Information Disclosure Statement submitted herewith is being filed within three months of the filing of a national application other than a continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d); within three months of the date of entry of the national stage as set forth in 37 CFR 1.491 in an international application; before the mailing of a first Office Action on the merits, or before the mailing of a first Office Action after the filing of a request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114.

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